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## News

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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Skanska to Complete St. Francis Hospital Expansion in August** *Major addition on top of existing ER and ICU to be finished in just 14 months with minimal interruption to vital patient services*

**BEAVERTON, Ore., May 23, 2008** – Skanska USA Building Inc. announced today that it will complete the \$22.5 million, 21,600-square-foot expansion of St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way, Washington, in August, 2008.

“The St. Francis Emergency and Critical Care departments are extremely busy and in dire need of additional capacity,” said Todd Predmore, Project Manager for Skanska. “We had to make sure that these critical departments stayed operational without any sort of disruption during the entire 14-month construction process.”

The expansion project adds additional square footage to the hospital’s existing Intensive Care Unit by way of a connector corridor (sky bridge) from the existing third floor to the new third floor, which is located over the existing Emergency/Radiology Department roof. The expansion adds an additional 30 beds to the critical and primary care departments. Skanska crews also added an extra six exam rooms to the hospital’s existing Emergency Department.

Thanks to extensive pre-construction planning, there were only two days that patients needed to be diverted to other healthcare facilities within the hospital and offsite.

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Because building an expansion on top of the existing Emergency Department, which operates 24 hours a day, is a sensitive undertaking, Skanska crews worked hand-in-hand with local municipalities, St. Francis staff and administration. Detailed and comprehensive planning was crucial to avoid disruption to patient care and to plan for every foreseeable contingency.

“Our commitment to the residents of Federal Way is to offer them the best possible care, close to home,” said Sister Anne McNamara, Chief Operating Officer at St. Francis Hospital. “All the improvements we’re making to St. Francis will make it easier for patients and their families to stay in this community when they need hospital services.”

When St. Francis was built in 1987, the Emergency Department was designed to handle 25,000 visits per year. Last year the hospital’s Emergency Department served more than 45,000 visitors. When the expansion and renovation project is finished, the hospital will be better equipped to serve the growing demands of the community.

Skanska USA Building Inc. is a leading national and local provider of construction, pre-construction consulting, general contracting and design-build services to a broad range of U.S. industries including life sciences, healthcare, education, high-tech, aviation, transportation and sports and entertainment. Skanska USA Building also provides pharmaceutical validation services to clients. The company, part of the Skanska AB global group of companies, is headquartered in Parsippany, New Jersey, and has approximately 4700 employees.

Skanska is one of the world’s leading construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. The Group currently has 60,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the U.S. and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2007 totaled \$20 billion.

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